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5. (C) NEA - IMPACT OF AFGHANISTAN ON U.S.-PAKISTANI RELATIONS (GDS 12/25/82)

(C) PAKISTAN, LONG CONCERNED OVER SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN AFGHANISTAN, HAS HAD ITS WORST FEARS CONFIRMED BY THE SOVIET INVASION. PAKISTANIS BELIEVE THAT A SOVIET DOMINATED AFGHANISTAN POSES A SIGNIFICANT THREAT TO ITS SECURITY. THEY VIEW BABRAK KARMEL AS A DEDICATED MARXIST AND A FERVANT PUSHTUN WHO WILL SEEK TO REKINDLE THE PUSHTUNISTAN BORDER DISPUTE WITH PAKISTAN. THEY ALSO FEAR THE SOVIETS WILL CONDUCT SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES IN BALUCHISTAN PROVINCE, WHICH IS A DESOLATE BUT STRATEGIC AREA BORDERING ON THE ARABIAN SEA.

(C) SHORTLY AFTER THE INVASION PRESIDENT CARTER TELEPHONED PRESIDENT ZIA TO REASSURE HIM OF OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF PAKISTAN. NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR BRZEZINSKI EARLIER HAD REAFFIRMED THE VALIDITY OF OUR 1959 AGREEMENT WITH PAKISTAN. THE KEY SENTENCE OF THIS AGREEMENT READS "IN CASE OF AGGRESSION THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL TAKE SUCH APPROPRIATE ACTION, INCLUDING THE USE OF ARMED FORCES, AS MAY BE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON AND AS IS ENVISAGED IN THE JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST, IN ORDER TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN AT ITS REQUEST."

(C) AS PART OF OUR EFFORT TO DEMONSTRATE SUPPORT FOR PAKISTAN, WE ARE EXPEDITING DELIVERY OF ITEMS IN THE MILITARY SUPPLY PIPELINE AND ARE OFFERING PAKISTAN CASH SALES OF ADDITIONAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT. WE ARE ALSO MOVING AHEAD QUICKLY ON A \$40 MILLION PL-480 PROGRAM.

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